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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, XL
SUBJECT: WEST INDIAN RUM PRODUCERS REQUEST U.S. TARRIF REDUCTION

REF: A) POS 2172; B) STATE 111388, MAY 1974 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. SENATOR TOMMY GATCLIFFE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ANGOSTURA BITTERS AND ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST INDIES RUM AND SPIRITS PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, HAS GIVEN EMBASSY A COPY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESENTATION TO THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION REQUESTING A REDUCTION IN THE U.S. DUTY ON IMPORTED RUM FROM $1.75 PER GALLON TO $0.51 PER GALLON. THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO APPROACHED GOVERNMENTS OF ANTIGUA, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, GUYANA, JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD TO REQUEST THAT THEY MAKE FORMAL APPROACH TO ITC AND STR IN SUPPORT OF TARIFF REDUCTION.

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2. COVERING STATEMENT PREPARED BY ASSOCIATION SUGGESTS

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THAT REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS SEEK REDUCTION OF DUTY ON RUM
AS PART OF THEIR MTN REQUESTS DURING TOKYO ROUND AT GENEVA
(REF A). STATEMENT ALSO RECALLS AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S MEETING
WITH CARICOM GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN APRIL 1974 IN
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, PART OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS OF STR
AND OTHER OFFICIALS WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
GOVERNMENTS ON GSP, MTN, ETC. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING,
AMBASSADOR EBERLE PREPARED MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS PRESENTED
TO ALL CARICOM GOVERNMENTS (REF B) WHICH STATED, INTER
ALIA, "THAT THE U.S. WAS "GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO CARIBBEAN
REQUESTS FOR LOWER U.S. DUTIES ON RUM AND THAT THE U.S.M
WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER RUM AS A SEPARATE ITEM FOR
NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MTN."
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